AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

SGT. H. L. BANK, 20406637
C.M., 167TH INF., APO. 31,
C/O P.M., S.F., CALIF.

U.S. ARMY
FEB 17
POSTAL SERVICE

2/24/45

VIA AIR MAIL

MISS LOTTIE BANK
3018-5TH ST.
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

PASSED BY
CENSOR
66316

7 FEB 45
N.G.T.

DEAREST LOTTIE:

WELL, NO MAIL AT ALL TO-DAY. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME THAT I HAVE GONE TWO STRAIGHT DAYS WITHOUT MAIL FROM YOU.

THIS MORNING I TOOK 30 MEN OVER TO BATALLION HQ TO FINISH WORKING ON THE STAGE WE BUILT. IT SURE LOOKS NEAT, WITH THE MAKE-SHIFT DRAPES AND CURTAINS.

THIS AFTERNOON WE HAD A USO SHOW. THERE WERE 3 GIRLS. AND 4 MEN IN THE

THE MOSQUITOES AND SMALL KNATS, WHICH SURE DO BITE.

I'VE BEEN PLAYING A LOT OF BRIDGE LATELY. I PLAYED FROM 6 TILL 10 TO-NIGHT, WON AND LOST 3 RUBBERS. BUT I THINK WE WON IN POINTS. HAVE HAD A LOT OF LUCK LATELY AND WON EVERY OTHER TIME I HAVE PLAYED BRIDGE. I LOVE IT! YOU OUGHT TO LEARN TO PLAY. IT'S THE BEST PAST-TIME I KNOW OF, BESIDE READING. RIGHT.

NOW. IT WAS TERRIBLE, EXCEPT FOR ONE NICE LOOKING GIRL WHO SANG LIKE BETTY HUTTON. SHE WAS A BIT OF BAGOOSE.

WE GOT A NEW RULE PASSED ON US TO-DAY, AND I SURE AM GLAD WE CAN NOW KEEP OUR SHIRTS OFF AS LONG AS WE ARE OUT IN THE OPEN, FROM DAY-LIGHT TO DAWN. IN OUR PILL BOXES WE MUST KEEP THEM ON. BUT THAT ISN'T HALF BAD. NO ONE WILL WANT TO KEEP THEIR SHIRTS OFF AT NIGHT, BECAUSE

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ACCORDING TO MAC-
ARTHUR'S ANNOUNCE-
MENT, THE ONLY IMPORTANT
THING HE SAID WAS
THAT A LOT OF MEN
THAT WERE ON THE
MARCH OF DEATH ON
BATAAN ARE FIGHTING
IN THE STREETS OF
MANILA. I BELIEVE BERT
IS THERE, AND SOON WE
WILL HEAR FROM HIM. JUST
YOU WAIT AND SEE! RIGHT?

BE GOOD AND WRITE
SOON!

LOVE,
Dad